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President Thompson:

I thought you might like to read a copy of the letter written to her critic teacher by the first negro to complete a course in student teaching at Western.

The document was written by Margaret Munday, a senior music major.

Tom Stone

Tom Stone

For your file, if you wish.

This, my first course in practice teaching, was a wonderful experience for me. Teaching second grade was very interesting. I think the second grade is one of the most interesting grades anyway.

I learned quite a bit about children of that grade level; the way they learn, their conduct, their interest and attention span. I feel like this was one of the most important education courses I have had for this reason: this was my first time to ever teach in a white school. It was amazing to see how nicely I was treated.

Here I feel I have learned the way of other races and how they learn, and how they can learn from another person not of their race. I think the parents of these children acted intelligently about the matter.

I certainly thank Miss Daniel and you, Miss Bale, for making it possible to arouse such a good attitude among the students for me. I enjoyed working with them, and I don't feel that you could have helped me any more than you did. I have one more course of directed teaching to take. If I am assigned to the Training School, I will know what to expect from its faculty of the elementary grades and the pleasant atmosphere there-in. Therefore, I can honestly say that my first course of practice teaching was a wonderful experience for me.

Bowling Green, Kentucky
May, 1959